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SUBJECT: NEW FRG TRIANGULAR AID COOPERATION WITH THE  
SUDAN

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1. DURING HIS VISIT TO THE SUDAN FROM NOV 7 TO 14, 1974, FRG AID MINISTER BAHR DISCUSSED WITH HIS COUNTER-PARTS THE IDEA OF TRIANGULAR AID COOPERATION UNDER WHICH THE CAPITAL OF AN OIL PRODUCING COUNTRY AND THE INDUSTRIAL-TECHNICAL CAPABILITIES OF THE FRG WILL BE COMBINED TO SUPPORT THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OF THE SUDAN. THE DISCUSSIONS CENTERED ON THREE AS YET UNDISCLOSED PROJECTS. BAHR DID NOT MAKE ANY AID COMMITMENTS TO THE SUDAN FOR 1975.

2. AFTER HIS RETURN TO THE FRG, BAHR EXPLAINED IN A RADIO INTERVIEW THE SIGNIFICANCE OF SUCH COOPERATION IN GENERAL AND WITH THE SUDAN IN PARTICULAR. IN HIS VIEW, THE SUDAN CAN BECOME A "MODEL CASE" FOR THREE REASONS: A. THE COUNTRY BELONGS TO THE GROUP OF LEAST DEVELOPED COUNTRIES; B. ITS GEOGRAPHIC LOCATION

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MAKES IT IDEAL AS A LINK BETWEEN THE ARAB WORLD AND

AFRICA; AND C. ITS ISLAMIC BASIS MAKES IT EASY FOR OIL PRODUCING COUNTRIES TO UNDERTAKE AND TEST THE FEASIBILITY OF SUCH A MODEL.

3. BAHR STATED THAT SUCH TRIANGULAR COOPERATION, ONCE IT BEGINS TO FUNCTION, WILL MEAN A NATURAL RECYCLING OF THE OIL MONEY NOT THROUGH THE TAKING UP OF LOANS BUT THROUGH THE CREATION OF "SOMETHING PRODUCTIVE". THE THREE PARTIES INVOLVED IN SUCH TRANSACTIONS WILL BENEFIT IN BAHR'S OPINION AS FOLLOWS: A. THE LDC'S ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT WILL PROCEED AT A FASTER PACE THAN PLANNED; B. THE DONOR COUNTRY WILL FIND A MEANINGFUL PURPOSE FOR INVESTING ITS ABUNDANT FINANCIAL RESOURCES, WHILE ACQUIRING AT THE SAME TIME TECHNICAL KNOW-HOW THROUGH THE PLANNING AND IMPLEMENTATION OF SPECIFIC PROJECTS; AND C. THE FRG WILL SECURE ORDERS FOR ITS INDUSTRY WHICH IN TURN MEANS THE MAINTENANCE OF JOBS.

4. IN A SUBSEQUENT INTERVIEW PUBLISHED IN THE BONN GENERAL ANZEIGER OF NOV 27, BAHR EXPRESSED HIS SATISFACTION THAT THE SUDANESE GOVERNMENT HAS "DECIDED TO TRY THIS MODEL TOGETHER WITH US". HE ALSO MENTIONED SAUDI ARABIA AS THE THIRD PARTNER IN THIS PROPOSED SCHEME. ALTHOUGH THE NEGOTIATIONS HAVE BEEN DELAYED THROUGH THE SUDDEN DEATH OF THE SAUDI FOREIGN MINISTER, HE NEVERTHELESS FELT CONFIDENT THAT THE PROJECT WILL BE REALIZED. HE NOTED THAT FRG ECONOMICS MINISTER FRIDERICH, IN HIS TALKS IN SAUDI ARABIA, "HAS FOUND A RECEPTIVE ATTITUDE". BAHR ADMITTED THAT IT WILL BE DIFFICULT TO COMBINE THE INTERESTS OF THE THREE PARTNERS BUT ADDED WITHOUT GOING INTO DETAILS THAT "IN THE CASE OF THE SUDAN, THE PREREQUISITES FOR A FIRST ATTEMPT ARE RELATIVELY FAVORABLE".  
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5. COMMENT: THE SUDAN WAS ONE OF THE FIRST MAJOR RECIPIENTS OF FRG CAPITAL ASSISTANCE, WHICH WAS HALTED AS A CONSEQUENCE OF THE BREAK IN FRG-LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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SUDANESE RELATIONS IN 1965. THIS PREVIOUS HISTORY OF COOPERATION PROBABLY HELPED DETERMINE THE PARTICULAR CHOICE OF THE SUDAN FOR THIS EXPERIMENT. THIS VENTURE ALSO REFLECTS THE NEW STYLE IN FRG DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY INTRODUCED BY BAHR, IN WHICH POLITICAL OBJECTIVES, SUCH AS THE BUILDING OF CLOSER TIES WITH OIL PRODUCERS, ARE COMBINED WITH A MORE PRAGMATIC EMPHASIS ON PROGRAMS THAT ARE ATTAINABLE.

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